



GOD'S LOVE

RESURRECTION POWER

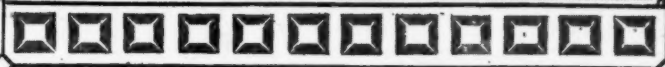
I noticed, along the road of life,
 Foul demons, robed with greed and strife;
 A coyote watched for fowls to slay;
 High, buzzards circled putrid prey;
 A sweet flower wilted by desert sun;
 Worse, a discouraged man, lost, undone—
 Poor earth-bound soul, wastes precious time
 Wallowing in mire like barnyard swine.

The poor man had ne'er God's joy bells heard,
 Or tasted riches from God's Word,
 Or felt the resurrection power,
 Or scented Lily Valley Flower,
 Or basked beneath the tree whose leaves
 Would heal all nations' war disease,
 Beside life's river, crystal clear
 That issues from God's Throne, so near.

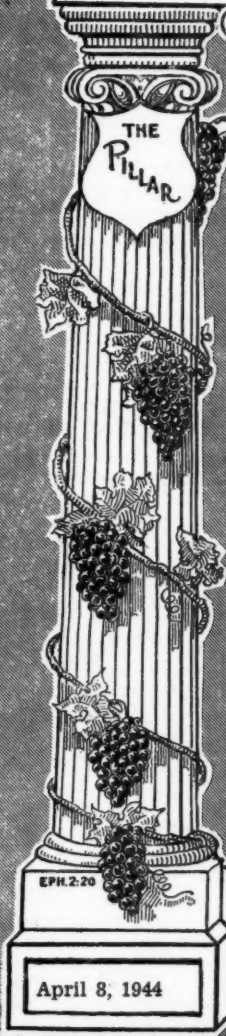
Why limit God? turn up your bowl, so
 With life's water 'twill overflow.
 Look up! look up! away from earth;
 Feast on God's manna, enjoy new birth.
 Your heart should be God's royal throne;
 Know now the thrill of Spirit prayer;
 Start heaven here, 'twon't end up there.

—Brother Rufus.

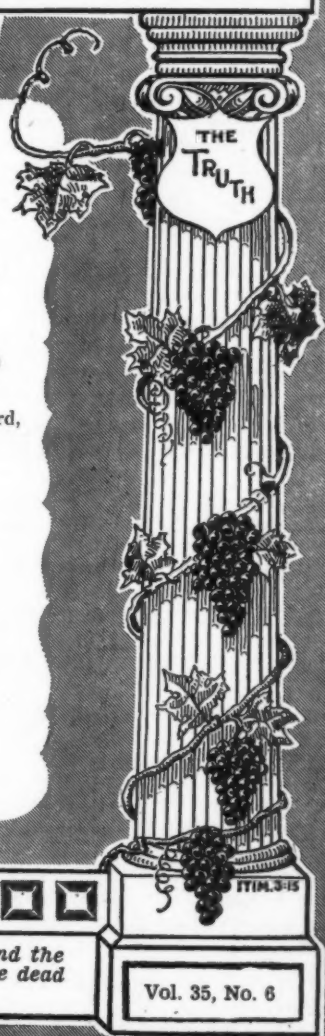
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"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live."—John 11:25.



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NOTES From My LETTERS

By
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General Overseer

TELEGRAM

Leadbelt district convention great success. Good preaching and spirit of giving. Orphanage offering \$158.33. Mission offering \$386.24. A blizzard of sleet and snow was on but the offerings exceeded last year's three times. Most of all, God was there. All praise to Him.—G. R. Watson, overseer of Missouri.

Brother D. DeFino is having an extra good revival with Brother R. Nuzum, pastor of Reamstown, Pennsylvania. A number have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We are on the air in Bangor, Maine, with transcriptions from Headquarters. They are really good. The work is moving along very nicely, and our preachers are working hard.—William F. Morris, overseer, New England States.

Just closed a good revival with Brother E. H. Miles as our evangelist. The interest was good and the results were satisfactory. Twelve were saved, seven sanctified, and five received the Baptism. That may not sound like so many to you back in the good old Southeast, but better to us out here on the border of the Old West. Six were added to the Church.—Charles Conn, pastor, St. Joseph, Mo.

God is blessing. Many miraculous healings. Waves of glory from heaven. Fourteen received Holy Ghost and we have just started.—Ernest L. Miller, pastor, Church of God, Logan, W. Va.

Old-fashioned revival here at Selma, North Carolina, with Rev. W. C. Lambert, of Charlotte, as the evangelist. The first week there were twenty saved, six sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. W. W. Carter.

From Monday night through Sunday night there were twenty-two saved, fifteen sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost at Laurens, South Carolina. Brother Alton Edenfield, an ex-soldier, who has returned from the battle front overseas, is doing the preaching for us. God surely is with him and is blessing his efforts for Jesus.—W. D. Childers, pastor, Wattsville, South Carolina.

I am sure you will be glad to hear that we have just purchased for the Church of God a permanent place of worship in Coolidge—two lots with a 110-foot front and a 40-foot back—a nice little building, seating 175 people in a fine location. We paid \$500 down on it.—O. C. Crank, overseer of Arizona.

TELEPHONE CALL

Best revival in church since I have been here. Altar filled each night. Last night six received the Holy Ghost.—H. R. Morehead, pastor, Greenville, South Carolina.

Rev. Kirby J. Hensley reports that at a new church, not yet two months old, at Bakersfield, California, sixty are in Sunday School; that at the night services the house is full; and that on the past Sunday night three were saved and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Let us pray for the new church.

We are in a wonderful revival. Several have been saved, fourteen received the Holy Ghost. Altar full every night. Thirty and forty in the altar. The people are stirred. Just thought you would be glad to hear this. They say it is the best since R. R.

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Bible Training School CLOSING EXERCISES

Senior Play
Several Musical Programs

Dates will be supplied later

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Thursday Morning, May 25, 10:00 A. M.

The Bible Training School is anticipating the greatest commencement exercises in the history of the school. Seventy-two seniors, almost double last year's number, will don caps and gowns and receive their diplomas at the commencement exercises, Thursday morning, May 25. Of these seniors, nine will be graduated from the Junior College. The first class from this division of the school, which was graduated last year, included only one student, and this increase is gratifying to all those associated with the school.

All friends of the Bible Training School are invited to attend these exercises.

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The Credibility of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 1:1-3

MRS. RUTH STARNES

The resurrection of Jesus holds an important place in the believer's life. Paul says in 1 Cor. 15:14, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." If it were not for the rising of Christ from the dead, the Christian hope would be lost. We want to notice the credibility of the resurrection of Jesus Christ; that is, just how much credit do we give to the resurrection, what quality of being believable is the resurrection?

1. *The nature of Christ's resurrection.* Christ died for the sins of the world. He was buried and rose again the third day, according to scripture. Christ was God manifest in the flesh. He had a human body just like we have. He never did cease to be God, but He was God dwelling in the flesh. Jesus died just like any other human being dies. His resurrection was not a swoon or resuscitation. He didn't just faint or go off in a coma, to be revived again. No, He really died.

When God created man, He created him holy; but man failed God by transgression. Ever since Adam sinned, sin has been upon the human race. We are all children of wrath by nature. God loved the world He had created, yet the carnal mind cannot please God, for it is enmity against God. God gave Moses the law for the people. We read that the law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Paul tells us in Rom. 8:3, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." God so loved this world He gave His Son to die for the sins of the world. The Father gave the Son, yet the Son was willing.

Christ's resurrection was a literal resurrection of the physical body of Jesus Christ from Joseph's tomb in the garden.

2. *Proofs of Christ's resurrection.* For a proof of Christ's resurrection we have the empty tomb. The women went early in the morning of the first day of the week with spices to anoint the body of Jesus; but they found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. The two men in shining garments asked the women why they were seeking the living among the dead. Praise God! He is risen. He

came out victorious over death, hell, and the grave. Although Christ had told them He would rise again, they did not seem to understand. We have people today who don't understand and are seeking Christ among the dead; but, thank God, my Bible tells me He is risen and is alive forevermore.

Jesus showed Himself alive many times before He ascended back to heaven. We have many witnesses in the Bible, who saw Jesus before He ascended. Jesus commanded the disciples not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father (the Holy Ghost), who would guide and comfort them. He told them they would receive power after the Holy Ghost had come upon them, and would be witnesses unto Him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. After He spoke these words He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight. The disciples witnessed His crucifixion, saw Him alive after His resurrection, and were with Him when He was taken back to heaven.

Paul was a witness of the resurrection of Jesus. On the road to Damascus he was struck down by a light from heaven and he said, "Who art thou, Lord?" Paul says in 1 Cor. 15:8, "And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time." Jesus was seen of above five hundred brethren at one time. He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen on different occasions by different ones.

We have our own Christian experience today as a proof of His resurrection. Rom. 6:5, 6, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Rom. 8:11, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus

from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Verse 16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

3. *The necessity of the resurrection.* Jesus' resurrection was necessary because the sinlessness of His life made it impossible that He should be holden of death. Therefore, God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death. Jesus' resurrection vindicated the truth of all His claims. He said on one occasion, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Then again Jesus said to the Jews, "Destroy the temple and in three days I will raise it up." He was speaking here about the temple of His body.

Jesus' resurrection was a sign of God's approval. It showed that God accepted Christ's redemptive work in our behalf. He was delivered for our offenses and was raised for our justification. "For by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous," Rom. 5:19.

4. *The result of Christ's resurrection.* Christ's resurrection marked Him off in a unique sense. Rom. 1:4, "And declared to be the Son of God, with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Christ's resurrection assures the believer of his acceptance with God. If Christ be not raised, our faith would be vain, we would still be in our sins. But Christ is risen indeed, and He became the first fruits of them that slept. The first Adam was made a living soul but the second Adam a quickening Spirit.

Christ's resurrection grants the Holy Ghost to the believer and assures him of all needed power. On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was given, all who received Him spoke with other tongues. Some of the people were amazed and said, "What meaneth this?" Others mocking said the men were full of new wine. But Peter preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified to the people. He said, "This Jesus hath God raised

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Quisling, the Bishop of Norway

Scores another of his meddling tricks against the Christian organizations of Norway by placing all money collections under state control. The action is expected to deprive the church of considerable of its support.

Missionary Publications

A report coming from Atlantic City, N. J., states that despite the war, the sales of missionary literature increased 37 per cent during 1943, according to a report given at a Missionary Education Movement meeting in that city.

Bible Reading in Schools

British Columbia Legislature has given approval to an amendment to the public schools act, which provided for the reading of a prescribed scripture passage each day at the opening of schools. This can mean much if a sincere effort is intended, and little if otherwise.

Death for Axis Leaders

A report coming from New York by RNS states that of the first 1,000 votes in a "Poll on the Peace," conducted by *Christian Herald*, an overwhelming majority favors punishment for the Axis leaders, a large proportion of which suggest "death" as a fitting punishment for these leaders.

Religion in the Quisling Camp

A report coming out of Stockholm states that German occupation authorities in Oslo have arrested Harald Heilm-Larsen, 60-year-old secretary of the Norwegian Mission Alliance, and former leader in the Salvation Army. For reasons unknown, Stockholm also reports that the Quisling Government has stopped all training of clergymen in Norway, by closing Oslo's Theological Seminary.

Religion in China and Japan

Japanese authorities in Netherlands' East Indies have attempted to regiment Mohammedan population, while some Japanese Christian soldiers refuse to obey orders of their leaders and are shot. "The average Japanese is courteous, polite, honorable, and gentle," Dr. H. W. Myers, of New York,

who has served as a missionary in Japan forty years, stated, "but the Japanese put in uniforms are harsh, cruel, and rude."

Religious Instruction in Schools

Religious instruction, according to RNS, is now being given in 1,196 schools in Ontario, which is 246 more than last year. While in Great Britain, nine out of ten teachers in day schools want to retain teaching of the Scriptures in part of the curriculum, according to a questionnaire polled by 2,000 teachers.

Christian Student Center in China

A new Christian center has been built by the aid of Canadian, American, and British gifts in Shapingpa, near Chungking. It is hoped that an increase of Christian activity will be effected by opening other such places in isolated university centers in Free China. In such centers services are held on Sundays. There are rooms for offices, prayer, library, etc. These are equipped with textbooks and general literature.

Evangel Champions

Monday I received a check from Rev. A. M. Phillips, pastor of Hemphill Church of God, at Atlanta, Ga., in the amount of \$320, to cover as many subscriptions to the Evangel. This makes a total of over 700 subscriptions from this church during the last eight months, and represents the largest number of subscriptions so far sent in by any local church since the General Assembly. Today I received a check in the amount of \$211 from Rev. H. R. Corley, pastor of the Church at Middletown, Ohio, which represents 211 subscriptions from Middletown church. These men are so far the champions in the Evangel drive, as to single unit subscriptions. Go and do thou likewise.

The present Evangel circulation is 29,000.

Palestine Today

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of General Allenby's entry into Jerusalem on December 9, 1917, *The Times* printed a special article describing

the growth of the Holy City in the intervening quarter of a century. It describes the development as "truly amazing"—the city has grown at a leap to be greater and more spacious than at any time since the destruction by Titus. The population has doubled from 65,000 to 130,000. But the Old City, girt around with its Saracenic walls, is little changed—save in a new cleanliness! The British administration has been careful to preserve its character, and has not allowed the streets of stone steps, passable only by pedestrians and by donkey or camel, to be widened and vulgarized. The new city, however, extends from the old like an ugly suburb. And around the sacred sites of the city are shrines of various kinds, representing the sad divisions and declensions of Christendom. — *Prophetic News*.

Remedying Juvenile Delinquency

The following commendable report comes by RNS from Wilson, N. C.:

"Tired of people who do nothing about the juvenile delinquency problem but talk about it, a Negro preacher here decided to take the matter into his own hands, and his one-man crusade has brought such amazing results that it has won the commendation of city officials.

"Unable to get anyone to help him, the preacher, Rev. O. B. Beaman, who has a small church in a mill district, rolled up his sleeves three months ago and went to work himself. Each day, he checks poolrooms, beer parlors, bowling alleys, and motion picture theatres. When he finds Negro youths of school-age in any of them, he personally escorts the offenders back to school.

"Negro juveniles found in such 'hangouts,' or roaming the streets late at night, are taken to their homes where heart-to-heart talks are held with both the youngsters and their parents.

"During the three months the minister has been patrolling the city on foot, juvenile delinquency among Negroes has dropped off sharply, according to police records. At the same time, records show that school attendance has increased.

"Wilson police say that Beaman 'has done more for the Negro young people in town than anyone else has done in the past decade.'"

This remedy could be applied by any pastor in his community or ward.

Text: 1 Cor. 15:3, 4, "That Christ died for our sins . . . And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

Acts 1:3, "To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

"If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain," says the Apostle Paul.

The subject of the resurrection is the most interesting and undoubtedly the most important subject connected with the Christian religion, for if Christ be not risen, there can be no resurrection, and the stars of our hope have vanished, the sun of righteousness gone into oblivion and nothing but one eternal night awaits us.

Job said, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

David prophesied, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption." When speaking of His body, Jesus said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

Let us observe the nature of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

First, I wish to say that it was not a swoon nor a resuscitation. Neither was it a continued existence of the soul only, but as the Scriptures said, Christ died, was buried, and arose again the third day. This proves it was a literal resurrection of the physical body of Jesus Christ from the tomb in Joseph's garden. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is a historical fact. As such, it is proved as any other historical fact—by the testimonies of competent witnesses and by the witness of related facts and results. And as we observe these facts in connection with His resurrection, you will be forced to admit that on this earth there was one Jesus Christ who lived, died, was buried, and was raised from the dead, and lives forevermore.

Yes, the tomb was empty! All the atheists have to admit this. Schenkel, the old infidel, says, "It is an indisputable fact that in the early morning of the first day of the week following the crucifixion, the grave of Jesus was

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found to be empty." Surely! It was empty, and explaining the empty grave is the grave and unsolved problem of the enemy. If there be no resurrection, then either His foes or His friends took the body away. But remember, great sums of money were paid to those soldiers when they were instructed to say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept." But what proof is there that the discouraged, despondent, heart-broken disciples would have stolen His body? How could they go with this lie on their lips, preach the resurrection, suffer the persecutions, and finally give their lives for only a lie? Impossible! There is one thing sure, His enemies didn't steal the body of Jesus, for if they had, they would have produced it later to disprove the resurrection.

Some higher critics say that Jesus never died, that He was just in a swoon, that the odor of the spices and the cool air of the tomb revived Him and He came back, got up and left the tomb. But could Jesus do that after suffering the beating, the crucifixion, and the loss of so much blood?

Could you imagine Him physically surviving and struggling about attempting to convince the already doubtful, disbelieving disciples of His resurrection and asking them to go tell the world about His Church that they were to promote? No! a thousand times no! Jesus would never have tried such a thing.

Renan and Strauss, infidels, said the disciples were hallucinated, that they thought they saw the Christ but didn't. The Bible gives a definite record of some ten or eleven actual appearances of the Lord.

Mary loved Jesus not only while the crowds were applauding, but after one had sold Him, another denied Him, and all the rest had forsaken and fled. That true love brought her early to the tomb to anoint the body, and there she was honored to be the first to carry the Easter message that "He is not here, but is risen as he said." Mary said, "I have seen the Lord." Glory to God, He had risen as He said!

Jesus invited doubting Thomas to touch Him. Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God."

The two disciples, going to Emmaus, walked possibly for hours with Jesus, their hearts just burning within them, yet did not know Him to be the Christ until He blessed the bread. Were they hallucinated? No! a vision is generally only momentarily or just a few minutes, and this must have been a much longer time.

Then over five hundred brethren saw Him at one time, said Paul. Truly Christ's resurrection was a fact undeniable. And more than that, it was a spiritual force, which changes men's lives. Through fellowship with the risen Christ, men rise from the death of sin to a life in holiness.

Besides the empty tomb the God-haters can't account for, there is the Lord's day. Why was the worship on the Sabbath changed to that of the first day of the week? Then why the Christian Church? Why do we have the New Testament, if there was nothing at all to this story? Dear ones, I tell you that Jesus Christ was everything He claimed Himself to be. He said He was the resurrection and the life and He proved it while He was right here on the earth.

Lazarus had been dead for four days when Jesus came. Martha said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." Jesus said, "Thy brother shall live." Martha

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This is an age of power. Vast machines do the work of a host of men. Huge turbines turn ceaselessly in the creation of electrical energy. Swift planes fly overhead carrying men and equipment to distant lands on missions of peace and war. Everywhere one turns he is amazed at the power that the ingenuity of man has been able to harness. Here in our great nation the average person has at least ten mechanical slaves working for him each day. The average child has become accustomed to this wonderful age and does not seem to even be amazed at this great display of force.

Where did all this power come from? Has man been able to produce one particle of it? The answer is no. All that man has done in this machine age has been to harness a small portion of the latent power present in this great universe of ours. In spite of the great strides made by scientists in recent years, they have not even begun to tap the vast resources of God's earth.

We are told that there is present in one thimbleful of water enough energy to drive a mighty oceanliner across the Atlantic. Thirty-five minutes of sunlight would supply the power requirements of the United States for one year. Dr. William Coolidge, director of Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company, states: "We may be able to get as much energy from a pound of uranium as from millions of pounds of coal." Think of the millions of kilowatt hours of electricity derived from the water impounded behind huge dams and think, too, of the still vaster bodies of water that have never been used at all.

When one stops to think of these things and the fact that all matter consists of forms of energy, he cannot but say, "Surely God is great and good." Not only has He created all this power and energy, but He holds it under control and aids puny man to benefit by its presence. Suppose all this vast universe should go awry. No one can imagine just what would happen. However, we can safely say that the effect would be cataclysmic insofar as we mortals are concerned.

Men have always loved to see power displayed. Israel, seeing the pomp and splendor of the kings of other nations, desired that she, too, might have a king. A king is a symbol of power. He represents the nation he rules, and the greater the nation the more os-

tentatious will he and his court become. People love to see their king bedecked in all his finery and royal trappings. This visible display shows off his power and makes them proud of the nation they are. Think it not strange, then, that the multitudes did not receive Jesus so readily. Surely there did not seem to be much power about Him. Yes, He healed the sick and even raised the dead, but this was not the kind of power that men looked for in a king.

Could not our Lord have displayed His power to all as He did to Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration? Surely He could have done this and more as well, but it was not the plan of our Lord to show His power in this way. No, He was to die, and that ignominiously. His power was to be manifested in such a way that it could be a benefit to all. He did not come to receive the acclaim and plaudits of a bigoted race. This was to come later. His ministry in the world was of a different and more important nature.

The hope of all creation was in the person of this man of Galilee. Little did they of Israel know of the innate power present in the body of our Lord. Had they known who He was, they, no doubt, would not have crucified Him. Yet it was God's plan that He die, for if He die not then how could He be resurrected and give to us the glory that is to be ours? Yes, He had to die. The divine atom had to be split before the pent-up power therein could be released for the needs of us all. Death was caused by man, so should the resurrection be caused by man. 1 Cor. 15:21.

Paul, the aged, in Phil. 3:10, 11, expressed three longings. First, that he might know Him and the power of His resurrection. Second, that he might know the fellowship of His suffering, and lastly, that he might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. The Apostle felt that he must know something of the power of the resurrection and that which it had accomplished if he was to become like Jesus and finally be with Him. The same is true with us. So let us for a while consider some facts concerning the power of His resurrection.

The Power of

All winter long the earth has been in mourning. The dead and sombre trees have stood in awful silence, attesting the fact that life is hanging in abeyance. The white mantles of snow that covered all this gloom served but to harbingers a hope of something better later. Now spring is in the air. Everywhere one can see nature preening herself in preparation for a gala summer. Life, vibrant, virile and invigorating, is felt by all. The animate become ambitious and gambol about for joy. The inanimate are festooned with beauty by a God who perfects praise in all that He creates.

What has spring to do with Easter? some may ask. Very much I would say. The very fact of spring tells us the truths of the resurrection. Had Job read the Bible? Had he heard a sermon on the resurrection? Had some itinerant preacher come through the land of Uz preaching of the resurrection? None of these things had happened. Why, then, could Job have spoken of the future life as he did in the 14th and 19th chapters of his writings? The answer is simple. Job was a philosopher. He had witnessed the seasons in their annual parading. He had planted seed and seen the results. Perhaps 'twas spring when his calamities occurred. All of these, together with the actuating power of the Holy Ghost, were sufficient in themselves to bring forth his sublime utterances concerning the resurrection.

Therefore, His resurrection was to be of such power that it guided the will of God in making the seasons. Who can see the splendor of spring without praising the Christ for braving the terrors of Calvary that He might become the first fruits of them that slept? Praise God for His knowledge and power in making this an ordered and glorious universe. If the resurrection could have such an effect on the realm of nature, how much greater effect should it have on the human race? For after all, everything else that was created was for the glory and benefit of mankind. The portrayal of the rising of Jesus in nature was not for nature's benefit, but rather to school us in the

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By JAMES L. SLAY, Jr.

facts of it.

Our whole system of apologetics depends on our proving that Jesus rose again. Christ is Christianity and the fact of His resurrection raises Him above the pale of others and makes His divinity certain.

Paul was a Pharisee and the Pharisees, as opposed to Sadducees, believed in the resurrection. In the well-known resurrection chapter, 1 Corinthians 15, we are told that "if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain... ye are yet in your sins... they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." For years good men had been thinking and talking of the resurrection. Some of the most heated and lengthy arguments of antiquity were those regarding this grand fact. Now here is the man Christ Jesus who argues but little about the matter, yet comes forth victorious over death, hell and the grave. Little did those Pharisees, who criticized Him, think that this man would be the fruition of their expectations concerning the resurrection.

"If a man die, shall he live again?" was the question asked by Job. Millions had answered it in the affirmative and millions more in the negative. None knew the real facts in the matter until He came and gave to us all the real knowledge of its power and significance. In other words, instead of death being an enigma or puzzle, it becomes a hope for something better. So in His resurrection He had power to answer the question which had been troubling men through the ages. There did not seem to be much physical power in Mary's Son while He lived. He became weary, hungry and sleepy as did others. His humiliation during His trial, and His agony on the cross were as real and as intense as those that would be felt by any human being under like circumstances. Once He was dead though, the picture changed. No sooner had His soul loosed itself from its human mooring than it went to work carrying out the mission that could at last be accomplished.

Although His body lay in the grave,

He was busy elsewhere. Didn't He tell the penitent thief that he would be with Him in paradise immediately? Therefore, His ministry was not yet completed. While His few faithful followers mourned the loss of their beloved and while the leaders of the Sanhedrin rejoiced in the dastardly crime they had perpetrated, He was proclaiming liberty to the captives in Sheol, who were really prisoners of hope. All who had died true followers of God were now hearing the message of deliverance. That which they had embraced by faith afar off, had now come nigh unto their dwelling. Even though they made their abode in another realm, hallelujah, God is to be praised and His Son honored for the accomplishment of the resurrection.

For a few hours His body did lay in the dampness of the tomb, but only then to fulfill the prescribed plan of God. "That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die." He had to taste death for every man before the glory of His resurrection could follow. He had to tackle the monster, death, and become defiled by the thing before He could prove Himself victor over it. So in arising from the tomb He showed not only His power over the physical universe, but over the natural and spiritual universes as well.

What are some of the effects of His resurrection that are evident today? First of all, the Church of God is in existence because of the fact that He died and rose again. Did not He purchase it with His own blood? Of what value would a purchase be if one could not live to enjoy it? Then, too, the effect of this mighty miracle is felt in the bosom of all who sorrow at the loss of one loved.

Did He not rise again? and hath He not promised to present us before His Father's throne in glory? Had He not risen as promised, we would be indeed hopeless, but He did arise and we are children of hope and hope does not terrorize, neither does it make us ashamed.

Man has boasted of the fact that he can sustain life apart from the body for a certain period and under certain conditions. Here is the Sav-



ior, though, who restores life to bodies long since decayed and destroyed. Talk about power, there was no way for mortal man to even imagine how this has happened. Our sole duty is to rejoice in the fact and thank God who permitted it all to happen.

Aren't you glad to be serving a God of power? Many of you have felt, in a small measure, some of this great power. All of us expect to feel the full force of it not many days hence. Thank God for the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of all, the hope that we will one day lay aside this vesture of mortality and be clothed with life and immortality.

Wonderful Response

LaFAYETTE, Ga.—The Lord came down in our service Sunday morning, March 26, in a wonderful way. We secured thirty-four Evangel subscriptions. Twenty-eight of these were for men in Service overseas. The people were weeping and shouting and giving their money. Some said, "We are going to send one hundred." Others shouted out, "We can send one thousand." So you may look for a number of subscriptions to go overseas.—Rev. J. P. Green, Box 206.

Those who are nearest God may be having the hardest fight and the most fiery trials and the greatest temptation and the greatest opposition, but they hold their position by letting none of these things move them.

The Risen Christ

M. P. CROSS, Executive Mission Secretary

"But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept," 1 Cor. 15:20.

More than nineteen hundred years ago after a week end of startling events and strange happenings in and around the city of Jerusalem, early on the morning of the first day of the week, two women made their way to the tomb of Him who had been harassed, criticized, persecuted, beaten, and finally crucified. It would seem a very unpopular thing for one to seek the tomb of one who had come purporting to take over the kingdom of Israel, but had died in shame and disgrace in the eyes of the world; but the love for Him had not died in the breasts of these two faithful followers and they made their way to His tomb, hoping to be able to pay some further honors to the body of Him whom they loved.

But behold, He was not there. The sepulchre was empty, and they heard the startling question, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" Yes, He was risen "from" the dead, just as those who are faithful in following Him, even though their short span of life upon this earth may not last until His coming, will some day be raised "from" the dead. Thank God, those who are faithful will come out from among those who have not known Him, and will share in the glory of this first Easter morning.

There are still some who question the advisability of Christians celebrating Easter, because of its former connection with the Easter goddess; but it is not Easter that we are celebrating, rather the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

At the time of His crucifixion and burial, very few seemed to care. Not many followed His striped and pierced body to that lonely sepulchre. Not many went to see about Him, not many seemed to care; but now, after nineteen hundred years have passed by, the whole world celebrates Easter by looking back toward that empty tomb. Not only America and the European countries, but in Africa, China, and India, there are tens of thousands who remember the resurrection of our Lord and celebrate that



day with great joy. But it should not be only a day of celebration. It ought to be celebrated three hundred sixty-five days in every year, and for this special year we would have an extra day to celebrate it.

The resurrection of Christ is the hope of the Christians of all nations in every time of trial and test and heartache and trouble. Many of us have had to lay some of our little ones in the cold grave. Some have left a father, mother, husband, wife, brother or sister, possibly during this year, in a fresh grave in the cemetery; but thank God, there is coming a time when the graves will break, the dead in Christ will rise from among the dead and we'll go up to meet Him who arose on the first Easter morning.

Some have criticized our people for getting new outfits at Easter time; but, after all, these new hats, dresses, coats, and suits are very appropriate at the time of the year if they are worn in the right spirit and not as a dress parade to try to outshine the other fellow. It was at this time that Jesus took on His new body. It is at this season of the year that the flowers and shrubbery begin to put on their coat of many colors. The blossoms break forth with their fragrance and the birds sing. All seem to be

celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

No doubt, there were many then and even now there are some who would change many things concerning His death and resurrection if it were in their power. Many would like to dispute His death; but He had a public trial, He was sentenced publicly, and was crucified in the open. They pierced His side to be sure He was dead. They laid Him in the sepulchre and put a seal on it and made it just as sure as they could; but since they took the pains to be sure that He was dead and to leave plenty of proof of this fact, God took pains to leave plenty of proof of His resurrection. The sepulchre was empty. Our Lord Himself appeared. He showed them His pierced hands and His pierced side. He appeared not to two or three as sufficient witnesses for the Christians, but to the scores and to the hundreds. Then, as further evidence of His resurrection, on the day of Pentecost, He sent the promised Holy Ghost that He had told His disciples that when He went to the Father He would send back to them.

Yes, Christ has risen from the dead and is alive forevermore. Let all the earth rejoice.

Goitre Removed by Divine Power

EAST CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me and for the sweet Holy Ghost whose presence I feel just now. I praise Him for His mighty healing power. Over two years ago the doctor told me I had a goitre on my throat. It began to grow and almost choked me to death. I was a nervous wreck, couldn't sleep at night without strangling and great pain. I began asking the saints to pray. We had an all-night prayer meeting at our church and the Lord spoke to Brother John Perkins and told him to pray for me. He told me to come to the altar, then he and some more good saints of God prayed the prayer of faith for me and the Lord healed me. Oh, praise His wonderful name! I praise Him for His sweet presence I feel just now. I can't begin to tell you what God has done for me. He saved my life once before when everyone said I could not live through the night. I mean to trust Him to the end. He said He would never leave nor forsake us. Bless His name! Please pray that I will ever stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Ella Kyle.

Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

OUR HAITIAN ORPHANAGE

The wise man says in Prov. 19:17, "He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

One of the important parts of the work of the Church of God in the Republic of Haiti is the care of fifty-five orphaned and homeless children. These little waifs were picked up from the streets and roads and country where they were literally starving to death, many of them undernourished and diseased already almost unto death.

When Brother J. H. Walker and Brother E. C. Clark and the writer were in Haiti recently, on business for the Church, we visited the orphanage and it is heart-touching and interesting to hear these little fellows speak and sing both in French and English. Little Mary Rose, who is five years of age, but looks like she might not be more than three, with such slender limbs until they do not look as if they would be able to bear her about, can sing the songs from memory and give recitations that are quite surprising.

If you could visit this orphanage one time, and hear the children speak and sing, I believe you would realize that what you have given toward this worthy project is truly lending to the Lord, and I believe you would feel that you are already repaid; at least those of us who were there feel that way about it.

At the close of the program all of them sang together, "I Know the Lord Will Make a Way for Me" in English, and you could tell from the sparkle in their little eyes that they felt that God through us would continue to make a way for them.

We have been renting a place for this orphanage but are trying now to find a proper location and arrange to buy a place for them. I feel like if I had three or four thousand dollars, one of the best investments I could make would be to purchase a piece of land and build a real home to care for these and other starving children in Haiti.

News From St. Vincent, B.W.I.

Dear Church of God Family:

I feel that it is my duty to send you a report of the visit of my wife and myself to the Island of St. Vincent, where Evangelist Green and her workers are doing a good work.

We first went to Diamond Village, where our work first started and where Sister Harris is pastoring. God gave us a very precious time there and we

had the joy of seeing thirty seekers at the altar.

From there we went to Biabou, where Sister Green has been busy for some time, seeing about the erection of a suitable meeting room. We were able to locate a suitable spot on which to build and made arrangements about getting the needed material for the building. We also saw fourteen souls

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The picture on this page is of Brother Edwin Dewey Herron and family, who are leaving for Cuba as missionaries. They will study Spanish while working in this ripe field with Brother and Sister Case and will probably go into some more distant field when the war is over.

Brother Herron is giving up the church at Abingdon, Virginia, to answer the call of God to preach to those of other lands. He and his wife are intelligent, industrious, Spirit-filled young people and we bespeak for them great success in the new field of labor.—M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

B. T. S. and College News

Personal Work

By CLIFFORD BRIDGES

The importance of personal work cannot be overestimated. The study of *Personal Soul-Winning* by William Evans, and a close observation of Biblical characters give us proof of that fact. It was the method of Jesus in His dealing with Nicodemus, John 3; the woman at the well, John 4; the man at the pool, John 5:16, 19. It was the method used by the apostles and the early Church, and it is the work needed now if many souls are to be reached and won.

This age necessitates heart-to-heart methods, woman to woman and man to man, in order to reach people in every vocation. It is true that the Holy Spirit will convict men and women of sin, but He needs our help in reaching the lost and inducing them to act after they are convicted. Most people are already convicted and realize the need of salvation, but the greatest difficulty is getting them to accept it. As Christians, we should assume this responsibility.

We are living in a day of trouble, war, and great activity, when there are many things that prevent people from desiring or even thinking of the spiritual life. As never before it seems that it is more essential that we go out and compel them to come in. I am afraid that in our revivals we leave too much to "general results," and not enough to "specific results." The old motto of the Gideons is good for us all: "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp." If we desire to see our friends saved, we will help the Lord, not only by prayer, singing, and other work in the church, but by aiding Him through personal contact.

If we are to impress people and lead them to Christ, there are a few things necessary on our part. We are to have a definite experience with Christ ourselves. Paul gave us this testimony in 2 Timothy 1:12: "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." In order to have real success in personal work, one must be filled



with the Spirit and live a holy life. As was illustrated by a minister: "Just as the telegraph wire must be insulated before it can carry the electric message, so the Christian must be insulated from his old life of sin before he can carry the gospel message to lost souls." Again, Paul teaches in Romans 9:2,3, that a yearning to love for souls to be saved is needed. Christ had a burning love for souls. Evans said, "The secret of success is here." It seems few people realize that a soul unsaved is lost and that he may be held responsible for him. Read Ezekiel 33:8, 9.

Truly a working knowledge of the Bible is needed, for it is God's work, not man's, that is used by the Holy Ghost in the saving of a soul. With a thorough knowledge of the Bible one should be able to show a man his need of a savior, and Jesus is that Savior. He should show the sinner how to make Jesus his Savior, and help him to meet the difficulties in the way of his accepting Christ.

A prayer life is necessary. The individual that would have real success as a personal worker must live a life of prayer, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. There is a special need of emphasizing this fact. We need to realize more than ever that faith in God and a constant waiting in prayer on the Lord are necessary. In connection with this thought, I suggest some things for which we need to pray as given in "Index for Personal Workers," *New Standard Reference Bible*:

"First, pray, 'Lord, give me 'getting up' grace,' that is, courage to confess Christ. Ephesians 6:15.

"Second, pray, 'Lord, give me walking grace.' Proverbs 3:6.

"Third, pray, 'Lord, direct me to the right person.' Proverbs 6:22; Acts 8:29.

"Fourth, pray, 'Lord, show me what to say.' James 1:5; Isaiah 50:4.

"Fifth, pray, '... God ... give power to what is said.' "

The question arises among many as to whom and where they can do personal work. The answer is easy. Everywhere—by our side, in the home, in school, shop, and mill, behind the counter where we stand, on the street where we walk, in the pew where we worship, in the prayer meeting and inquiry room, at the altar, at family devotions—yes, everywhere. It is our duty to tell them of Jesus and win them to Him by love, prayer, and personal effort.

God has a work for all who accept Him, whether it be preaching, teaching, or personal work. There is a reward waiting those who are faithful in the Master's service. John 15:16: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you that ye should go forth and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." Also John 4:36: "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." In this spiritual work we receive rewards now, but there is a greater reward to follow. Galatians 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

On Fire for God

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Elizabethton with Brother Fred Allen, of Burnsville, N. C. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. Eight were saved, four sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. The church is on fire for the Lord and looking for Him to come.

We appreciate our good pastor, Brother A. J. Swift, and wife. They are real saints of God and we love them. Pray for us at Elizabethton.—Kathryn Trusler, 202 Riverside St.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My complete healing.—Florence E. Sturm, Rt. 2, Box 36, Statesboro, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Anna Despain, Box 474, Stuttgart, Ark.

The saving and healing of my husband.—Mrs. C. D. Campbell, Empire, Ala.

The healing of my baby of eczema.—Mrs. Carl Wright, Houston, Tex.

God to heal me of rheumatism in my hips; Brother J. M. Snyder to be healed of a severe cold; my wife and two babies to be healed.—W. R. Jackson, Monroe, Va.

God to heal me of low blood pressure and a weak heart. I am very sick and cannot preach, cannot walk for suffering. I had to come home from Maine and leave the work there.—Evangelist Emma Newman, 658 Avenue G, Pratt City, Ala.

My three sons in the Armed Forces.—John H. Huff, Matewan, W. Va.

Me to be healed of indigestion; it bothers me so much.—Mrs. L. A. Harville, Rt. 2, Box 25, Hollandale, Miss.

My three children to be healed of the measles; me; my husband.—Anna Belle Dunn, Rt. 2, Cosby, Tenn.

My nephew who is overseas.—Sister Willie M. Carpenter, Yazoo City, Miss.

The Lord to heal me, there is something wrong with my kidneys or stomach.—Brother Clarence Denson, Metal Terrace, Apt. C. 7, Unit 2, Sheffield, Ala.

The healing of my body, I am badly afflicted.—Ruth McNabb, Rt. 4, St. Elmo, Tenn.

The complete healing of my body, I have been sick eight weeks.—Alice E. Kiser, War, W. Va.

My husband, who is suffering with some kind of stomach trouble, to be healed.—Mrs. D. B. Raulerson, Baldwin, Fla.

God to heal me of a head trouble, also that He will heal my eyes, they are bad.—Mrs. Charlie Pruitt, Bastian, Va.

The healing of my body and arm, also other ailments.—Mrs. D. L. Fleming, 5614 Los Angeles St., Houston 10, Tex.

My three boys who are in the Service and unsaved.—Mrs. Vernon Harrison, Rt. 1, Box 286, Irvine, Ky.

God to save and care for our son who is in the Service.—Mrs. Bessie Sims, Whiteside, Tenn.

My body to be healed of several things; my son and his little boy to be healed.—Mrs. S. E. Hudson, 314 N. Disston Ave., Tarpon Springs, Fla.

isters, members and friends.

We are expecting a wonderful time in this convention. Begin to pray that God will give us favor and honor the efforts with His presence. The work is new in the State of New York and any of you precious out-of-state brethren who can find time to come and grace the meeting with your presence will be appreciated. Rev. Carl Cox, 167 St. Marks Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., is chairman of the entertainment committee. All you who expect to attend this convention will please drop Brother Cox a card so he will know about how many to make provision for.—J. B. Camp, overseer, New York.

The correct address of the Brooklyn, N. Y., church is as follows: 42

NOTICE

Relatives and friends of our men in the armed services are urged to assist the service pastor in ministering to them by helping us keep their addresses up to date. Scores of them cannot be contacted because of changes of addresses and errors in addresses. Through the courtesy of chaplains, a large number of others have been located and visited; but this is only possible where the boys have furnished the chaplain information concerning church affiliations. You can render invaluable service by cooperating in this direction. — F. W. Lemons, Service Pastor.

Prospect, Brooklyn, N. Y., just two blocks off Flatbush, Brooklyn, N. Y.—J. B. Camp, overseer, New York, Box 149, Times Plaza Sta., Brooklyn 17, N. Y.

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Anyone needing a revival, please write me at once.—W. T. Pearson, Rt. 1, Box 64, Pikeville, Tenn.

Thank God, I Was Healed

WASHINGTON, N. C.—Thank God, who is able to heal all our diseases, for healing my back and stomach. I couldn't eat any sweets but the Lord healed me. I sent to Headquarters for an anointed cloth and they sent one. I laid it on my body in Jesus' name and the power of God came down. I began to pray and shout and praise God and I was healed. Thank God. I praise God for healing me and also thank all those who prayed for me a long time ago. I had that trouble a long time. Thank God because I have salvation and am a member of the Church of God. Pray for me.—Bertha Cobb, 728 Gladden St.

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Notices

New York State Convention

The annual state convention of the Church of God in New York will convene May 12-14, inclusive, at 42 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., in the church that has been recently purchased as the headquarters for the State of New York. Rev. R. P. Johnson, our First Assistant General Overseer, is to be with us for this convention. We are also expecting overseers from different states to be here, besides our own New York min-

TESTIMONIES

My, What a Blessing!

DELHI, La.—I thank you for those wonderful letters of encouragement which I received. They were food to my hungry soul. Praise God for you dear saints and may the dear Lord richly bless each of you. As long as I can remember it has been my desire to be a Christian. While only a child of twelve I joined the Missionary Baptist church and tried to do the best I could. At the age of fifteen I heard my first holiness sermon, and how those blessed sermons that were preached out there under a brush arbor thrilled my soul, and then one night I went to the altar, and what a blessing! But my joy wasn't to last long. Mother was warned that it was a disgrace, also dangerous for me to go to the altar, so I was not allowed to go back to church in many a year.

I never had another chance until I was married, and when the next chance was offered it was as the first—I took it and, praise God, I received the precious blessing, which still abides. I am pressing forward and I don't believe it will be long now.

Dear parents, please do not step in your children's path when they want to serve God. I have two girls and one boy who have made peace with God. Praise the Lord. There is no desire for any of this world of style, pride or other worldly things for me. The Word of God says for us to be unspotted from the world. Saints, let's be careful; let's put on the whole armor and be ready to fight for our crown of life. I want to go when the ship comes in, don't you? Then let us pray often, more earnestly and harder for lost souls. Remember to pray for the complete healing of my daughter and for the Lord to undertake in my home and give me more faith to hold out.—Mrs. E. D. Forman.

He Will Heal if We Will Be Obedient

VERONA, Pa.—I praise God because He is with us in the time of need. I came here to Verona, Pa., from the Church of God at Somerset. There is no Church of God here and I miss the church so much. I work in the steel foundries here. I told God if He would give me work I would pay tithes, give for mission cause, also give offerings for the work. Satan got mad and af-

flicted my body so I could not work for three days. I was in such misery I could hardly sit, stand, walk or lie down. Something said, "Pray and fast." My brother in Christ, Oscar Seese, anointed me, then prayed for me, and God blessed me so that I laughed, cried, and prayed while the pain was raging. On Thursday evening God touched my body. I went to work the next morning, praise God. Then Saturday of the same week I was afflicted with the same thing again. Brother Norman Seese anointed me, and he and his wife prayed and God touched me again. Praise God, He will heal if we will only be obedient. Praise Him for every blessing of life. I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost. Thank God. Pray for me to stand true.—Harvey Morrison, 527 Penn St.

Who Can Know His Power

FOLSOM, La.—I am glad I can still praise my Redeemer for what He is to me. I have been in the good way of holiness near six years and the way gets sweeter all the time. I am so glad I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and know my Redeemer liveth. Praise God.

Last night my little boy took real sick and I took the Evangel and laid it on him and asked Jesus to heal and let the child rest and, glory to His name, the work was done. Oh, He is so real, His strength is past our knowing; His power is greater than all; His kindness is still extended. Praise His name. Oh, how I do want to always do my little bit for Him. He will never fail us. It is so wonderful to know we are under His protecting arm if we obey His command and live for Him every day.

Jesus has meant so much to me these last few years. Although the way gets rough and rugged sometimes, and the shadows appear, but if we look to Him in faith believing, the sun will shine again. When the battles are over and the crown won, how glad we will be we held out faithful to a Savior who can save. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please remember my son in your prayers, that the Lord will keep Him safe and saved. He is in North Africa somewhere and I know the great King who rules the world can also keep my boy, if he is on the

battlefront. Oh, I am so glad I am able to pray for my son and trust him in the hands of our precious Savior. Pray for me.—Mrs. Louise Rodriguez.

Glad I've Found Peace for My Soul

FORT MILL, S. C.—Dear Saints, I do praise God for salvation. I thank all the saints for their prayers for I do believe it was through prayer that God saved me. I thank Brother Cross for the good letter that he wrote me, inviting me to attend the Church. That letter surely was a blessing to me. I guess he and other saints were praying for me at the time he wrote me for I could feel God's Spirit when I was about my work, and tears would fill my eyes. I felt that someone was praying for me.

I walked into the post office one day and called for my mail. They handed me a letter. I saw that it was stamped in Greenville and I wondered who would be in Greenville who knew me. I opened it and began to read and oh, you do not know how I did feel. Tears began to run down my face. I said, "God is warning me through this man of God," but I turned God's mercy away again and the thought came to me, "God's Spirit will not always strive with man." I wandered on in sin, seeking pleasure and finding none, spending my money on gambling and drink, and my family in need.

I praise God today because I found peace and love for my soul. I believe God's people were praying for me. I went to the church one night. I sat on a back seat with tears in my eyes. The altar call was made and the preacher said, "I want all to come, saints and sinners, and let's pray together." The preacher came and said, "Let's pray; God wants to save you tonight." I went, but didn't feel like praying. I went back to my seat unsaved with a heavy heart. I thought service was over, but the power of God fell and the Holy Ghost began to talk and it seemed that He was talking to me. I made my way back to the altar. I believe God saved me by the time I fell at the altar. I began to take things that belonged to the devil out of my pocket. You might have known what it was. I haven't handled or tasted it since. He saved me from a world of sin. Praise His holy name. I feel that great joy in my soul just now. Pray that God will give me the Holy Ghost.—Grover Ellis.

REPORTS

ASHEBORO, N. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother S. C. Chambers doing the preaching. Twenty-nine were saved, twenty-two sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost and seven added to the church. Pray for us. We are expecting God to do great things for us here.—Ollie Lewis, clerk, 335 Peachtree St.

God Is Surely Blessing in Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Just a note of praise for the wonderful way the Lord is blessing the Church of God in Arizona. We are so thankful for our state overseer, Rev. O. C. Crank. He is surely a blessing to our state and we feel the Church is coming to the front in every department.

Alton Park Church

The Church of God (pictured below) in Alton Park, Chattanooga, Tenn., began in the cottage prayer services in that community. W. M. Towns and J. S. Douglas conducted the services. Later a church was organized by the district pastor, E. L. Simmons. J. S. Douglas became the first pastor of the church. He was the pastor for two years. The next pastor was W. M. Robertson, who served for two years. When he came to pastor, the services were being held in the homes. They rented a building to have services in and raised \$295 on a lot to build.

One year ago last Assembly the state overseer assigned me to this charge. The ground had been broken, the seeds were planted, and when I came to the church, I began to water

We have a radio program every Sunday morning at 8:30, over station KPHO, and we feel it is a blessing, from reports we hear. We have fellowship meetings the first Monday in every month and the Lord blesses in a wonderful way. People come from far and near, even with the gas shortage. It makes our hearts glad to see the love between God's ministers and the saints of God.

Brother W. E. Wright has just closed a wonderful revival at one of our churches where Brother Floyd Ramsey is pastor, and we give the Lord the praise for the way He blessed and poured out His Spirit and for the souls that were saved. We plan to start another revival at the Southside church where Rev. R. C. Ogle is

and God gave the increase. Plans were made and a lot purchased in the best section of Alton Park, for the sum of \$625. The construction was started with all working together and trusting God to supply the needs, which were taken care of at all times. The ground floor of the structure, which is 40 by 70 feet, was completed and the first service was held the first Sunday in August, 1943. The building was not large enough to accommodate the people and many had to stand on the outside. The night service was the beginning of a revival which was conducted by the pastor. The revival continued four weeks. The Lord blessed and large crowds attended the services. There were forty-three saved, twenty-two sanctified, and twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost. In one and one-half

pastor. Thank the Lord for our pastor. He is a blessing to the church. We have been praying for some time that the Lord would send us a great revival and we know we are serving a God that hears and answers prayer. Brother J. B. West will be our evangelist. Please remember to pray for us.—Mrs. Lucile Wilkie, 10255 21st Place.

PRATT, Kans.—We closed a three weeks' revival here January 23. Five were saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and many uplifted in spirit. Our pastor, Brother Kenneth Barbour, did the preaching. He came here December 21 and has surely been a blessing to us. Our Sunday School has almost doubled in attendance. We won the Sunday School state banner this past month. We have started a Y. P. E. also. We are very much encouraged to go on with the Lord. Pray for us at Pratt.—Mrs. Amy Penrod, clerk, Rt. 3.

years the membership has grown from twenty-five to seventy-four, with many others looking this way.

The church has paid all indebtedness, amounting to \$3,500, and plans are being made to add the auditorium as soon as material is available. Every department of the church is rapidly growing. It has certainly been a pleasure to work with the people in Alton Park. We ask the prayers of all that God will continue to bless the work here. You can hear the weekly broadcast of the Alton Park church over WAPO every Sunday morning at 6:30.—John D. Smith, pastor.

Congratulations to you and your good members and friends who have worked so faithfully together with God to the achievement of this remarkable and wonderful success!—*State Overseer.*



MISSION PAGE

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come to God, for which we are thankful.

Then we went to Chateaubelair, where we had our quarterly meeting. This was well attended, and proved a great blessing. Good reports were read from the four churches and on Sunday night there were fourteen seekers at the altar.

Next we went to Rose Hall, where Brother Corbin is doing a very fine work. We rode donkeys nearly six miles up the mountain side, as this is the highest village in the Island of St. Vincent. We were well rewarded for making this journey, by seeing twenty-two earnest seekers come to the altar there. Brother Corbin, with the help of his people there, went to the woods nearly two years ago and selected poles and palms and erected a tent in which to hold meetings. This was far too small to hold the crowd as there must have been about eight hundred people at the meeting. We surely have a great opportunity there. Our place is the only place of worship in the village and we greatly need a church building to accommodate the people, which I am praying and trusting God to help us to get next year, if Jesus tarries.

We surely had a wonderful time for the Master. Using Evangelist Green's remark, God gave us a real tidal wave. The people were blessed and the work was greatly strengthened. All the workers were encouraged to keep pressing forward. Pray for your missionaries here and for the work. — J. B. Winter, overseer of Barbados, St. Vincent, etc.

Revival Fire Still Burning in Haiti

In a recent letter Brother Kluzit tells of four baptismal services in which there were one hundred twenty-five baptized in water and fifty on the waiting list at one church desiring to be baptized but waiting for the approval. They do not baptize everybody that makes a profession there, but wait for them to prove their lives. They must have testimonies from other Christians who are acquainted with them, to the effect that they have changed their way of living.

He states that there are from ten to twenty converted in each service in the church at Port-au-Prince. Truly this is a field white unto harvest, as well as many of our other mission fields.—M. P. Cross, Mission Secretary.

THE CREDIBILITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

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up, whereof we are all witnesses." If Christ had not risen, Peter would have had no basis for this sermon.

Christ's resurrection guarantees the believer of his own resurrection and immortality. 2 Cor. 4:14, "Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you." It also guarantees us of the certainty of a coming judgment. God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man (Jesus) whom He hath ordained; whereof He has given assurance unto all men in that He hath raised Jesus from the dead.

God has commanded all men everywhere to repent. It is appointed unto man once to die, after that the judgment. Christ was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Yes, the resurrection has great quantities for being believable. God has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Christian has great hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are buried with Him in baptism, the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead. And if we be dead with Christ, we shall also reign with Him.

THE RESURRECTION

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said, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." But Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live." Martha could believe that distant miracle, that all the myriads of earth should be raised, but she staggered at the promise of a present miracle. How difficult it is for us to receive and act on the promise for today! Jesus groaned in the Spirit, and wept and cried aloud, "Lazarus, come forth," and Lazarus came immediately. Brother Dwight L. Moody said, that if Jesus had not called Lazarus by name, all the dead in the graves would have come forth, for Christ was the resurrection and the life. Praise God forever! Did He not, right in the very face of the laughing, scoffing, disbelieving crowd, raise to life the ruler's daughter?

You remember He stopped the funeral procession and gave to the

poor heart-broken widow, of Nain, her only son in perfect health again.

Yes, the old devil and his henchmen in and out of hell have never been able to disprove the resurrection of Christ or even offer one particle of evidence that Jesus did not rise. In fact, from the beginning, through sin and the slimy monster, death, which entered the world on the gloomy day of man's sad fall, the devil thought he could conquer the Christ and defeat the plan of God, but hallelujah! the devil himself is the defeated foe, for our Christ has conquered death, hell and the grave. Paul declares, "And the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds." John 5:28, 29, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

How is it with your soul? Remember, the life you live determines the place to which you go. Sinner friend, give God your heart now. Meet Him in peace, and in the happy resurrection morning meet again with the loved ones and the multiplied millions, yes, billions of the best people of all ages. May God bless you! Amen.

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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Walker received the blessing here, and we are happy.—R. E. Blackwood, pastor, Morgantown, Mississippi.

TELEGRAM

Just closed a three weeks' revival at Hazlehurst, Georgia, with Sister Mae Terry doing the preaching. Twenty-two saved, twenty sanctified, eighteen received the Holy Ghost, sixteen added to the church. — Clayton Towns, pastor, Hazlehurst, Georgia.

Just a word to tell you about our first district convention this year. The crowds were large, the preaching good, excellent singing, and the spirit could hardly have been better. The total cash mission offering amounted to \$502. We also received an orphanage offering of \$51. I feel that our state ministers' prayer conference has

meant much to the state. We receive letters each week stating that numbers were saved and have received the Baptism in the Sunday night services. We are also having some very fine revivals. Continue to pray for us here.—W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia.

TELEGRAM

Dallas, Texas, district convention great success. Mission offering \$1,000.—J. C. Thompson, district overseer; T. W. Godwin, state overseer.

TELEGRAM

Having a great revival at Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Going one week. Seventeen saved, nine sanctified, four filled with Holy Ghost. Fannie Foshee, evangelist. Can't accommodate the crowds on week ends.—V. L. Crenshaw, Gastonia, North Carolina.

TELEGRAM

Great revival just closed at Cramerton, North Carolina. Evangelist L. C. Heaston, of Ohio, did the preaching. Fifty-eight converted, thirty-two sanctified, twenty-two received Holy Ghost, eighteen added to church.—H. T. Durden, pastor, Cramerton, North Carolina.

"Well, we have an evangelist in the state now and are looking for two more parties to come over and help in the work in new fields. Sister Fuller is planning to come. She makes it her business just to go from one place to another to build church buildings and parsonages. There is no use for me to tell you that I was glad to hear that she was coming. I am also expecting a young preacher from Tennessee. I don't desire to worry you with apparently small matters, but they mean more to us than you possibly can imagine. Remember this territory when you pray.—V. B. Rains, overseer of New Mexico."

NOTE: I am sure that you don't know the great need in these new fields, or many ministers would feel a spiritual urge to help meet this great need.

The most valuable discovery anyone has ever made has been made by those who went through a rigid self-examination.

The heart that is full of strife is void of true love for God and man.

OBITUARIES

MEDLEY

Sister H. L. Medley, a faithful member of the Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Church of God, was called home February 4, 1944.—W. M. Robertson, pastor, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

FRYE

Mrs. Elizabeth Frye departed this life February 7, 1944. She was a devoted Christian and trusted the Lord for the healing of her body. She devoted her spare time in writing poetry and although blind she was blessed with excellent memory and could repeat chapter after chapter of the Bible—Lida Ricker, 15 Summer St., Augusta, Me.

EASTRIDGE

In memory of little Maryland Eastridge, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eastridge, who departed this life to be with Jesus December 30, 1943. She was seven years, one month and twenty-one days old.—Her aunt, Mrs. Charlie Hamm, Allen Junction, W. Va.

WARD

Sister Pearl Ward, precious member of the Cantwell, Mo., Church of God, suddenly slipped away to be with Jesus, February 19, 1944; age forty years.—Leona Marshall, Cantwell, Mo.

BROOKS

Brother Charlie Robert Brooks, a faithful member of the Church of God at Winnsboro, S. C., departed this life to be with Jesus February 23, 1944; age fifty-nine years. We know Brother Brooks died with the victory.—J. W. Braziel, clerk, Chester, S. C.

STATE CONVENTION DATES

April 6-9—District of Columbia
April 6-9—Central Canada
April 25-30—Mexico
May 5-7—Oregon-Washington
May 7-14—Colored Assembly
May 9, 10—Idaho
May 12-14—New York, Montana
May 18-21—Indiana, Minnesota-Wisconsin, Wyoming
May 26-28—Mississippi, Colorado, Utah
June 1-4—South Carolina, Louisiana, New Mexico
June 8-11—Virginia
June 9-11—Arkansas, Missouri
June 13-15—Florida (Camp meeting,

CAREY

James William Carey, a charter member of the Coconut Grove, Fla., Church of God, passed away February 8, 1944, to be with Jesus.—His pastor, L. B. Hammond, Coconut Grove, Fla.

PAGE

John Page, age thirty-two years, passed away February 8, 1944. Brother Page was a faithful member of the Church of God at Coconut Grove, Fla.—His pastor, L. B. Hammond.

FERGUSON

John Harvey Ferguson, a faithful member of the Church of God at Ranger, Texas, for several years, was born July 3, 1885, and departed this life February 23, 1944.—His pastor, W. L. Shires, 601 Pershing St., Ranger, Texas.

MIDDLETON

In memory of our precious father, Wiley Allen Middleton, who went to be with Jesus February 12, 1944. When love within our hearts recalls the one who is gone, we cannot say it is death for memory lingers on.—His daughter, Mrs. J. E. Austin, 514 11th St., Albany, Ga.

WISHNEVSKY

John Wishnevsky passed away suddenly March 12, 1944; age forty-nine years.—Jesse K. DeGolyer, pastor, Eckman, W. Va.

MCGRATH

My beloved husband, John McGrath, passed away March 17, 1944. He said he was ready to go. Pray that God will comfort our hearts and my poor boy overseas.—Mrs. John McGrath, Omaha, Ark.

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June 15-18—Georgia
June 22-25—North Carolina, Ohio, West Canada
June 29-July 2—Tennessee
June 30-July 2—Kansas-Nebraska, North and South Dakota
July 6-9—Michigan, Oklahoma, Iowa
July 13-16—West Virginia, Texas, Illinois
July 18-23—Kentucky, Pennsylvania
July 25, 26—Connecticut, Rhode Island
July 28-30—Alabama, New Jersey, New England States
August 3-6—Delaware, Maryland

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